

# Revelation Series

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go to map of modern Turkey or visit  
the Istanbul Archaeological Museum

Troas

Pergamum

Smyrna

Sardis

Ephesus

Miletus

Laodicia

Hieropolis

Antioch of Pisidia

Iconium

Lystra

Derbe

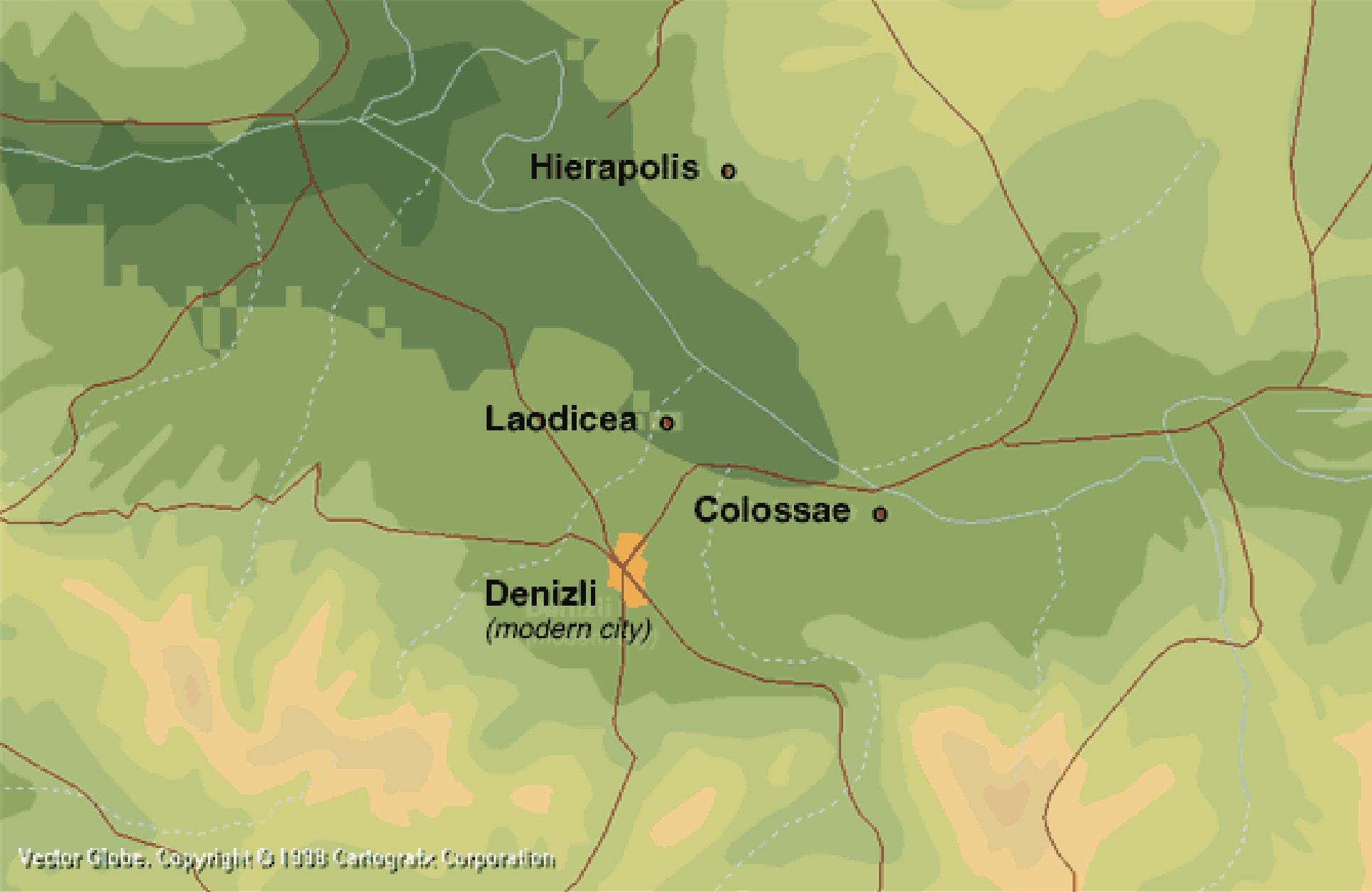
Perge

Aspendos

Tarsus

Antioch  
of Syria





Hierapolis ◉

Laodicea ◉

Colossae ◉

Denizli  
*(modern city)*

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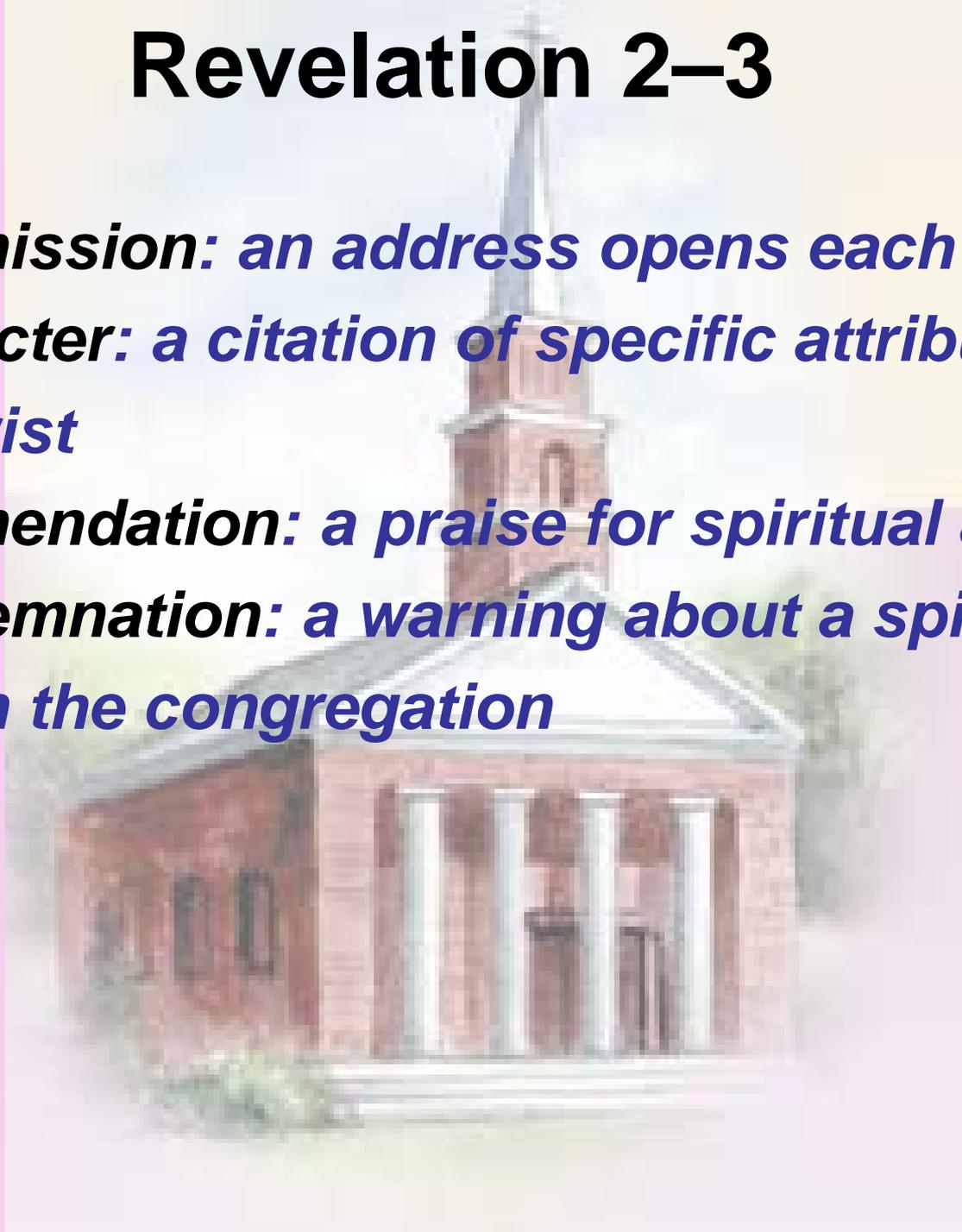
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2. ***Character: a citation of specific attributes of Christ***
3. ***Commendation: a praise for spiritual advance***
4. ***Condemnation: a warning about a spiritual flaw in the congregation***



**Revelation 3:15, “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.**

**Revelation 3:16, “So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.”**



Laodicea aqueduct piece with bathhouse remains



Laodicea aqueduct pieces



Colossae stream of cold water



Hierapolis city street and Domitian's Gate

**Revelation 3:17, “Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—’ ”**

# The 5 Arrogance Skills

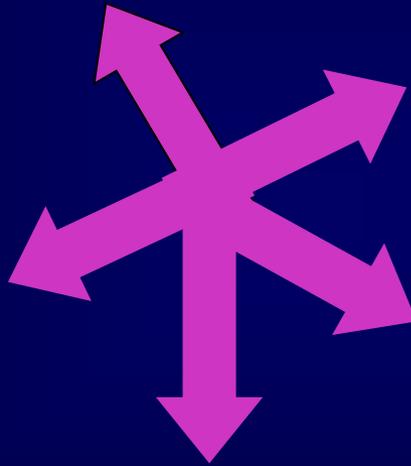
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**Self justification**

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Human Self-reliance Attacks the Sufficiency of Christ, Grace, and the Word.

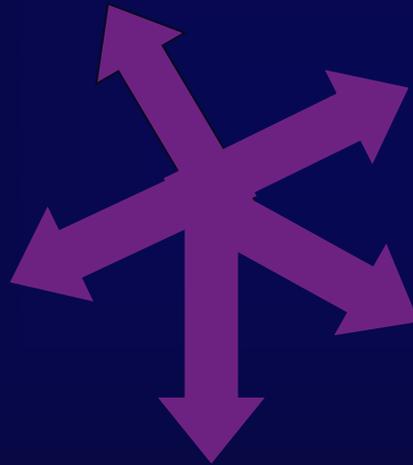
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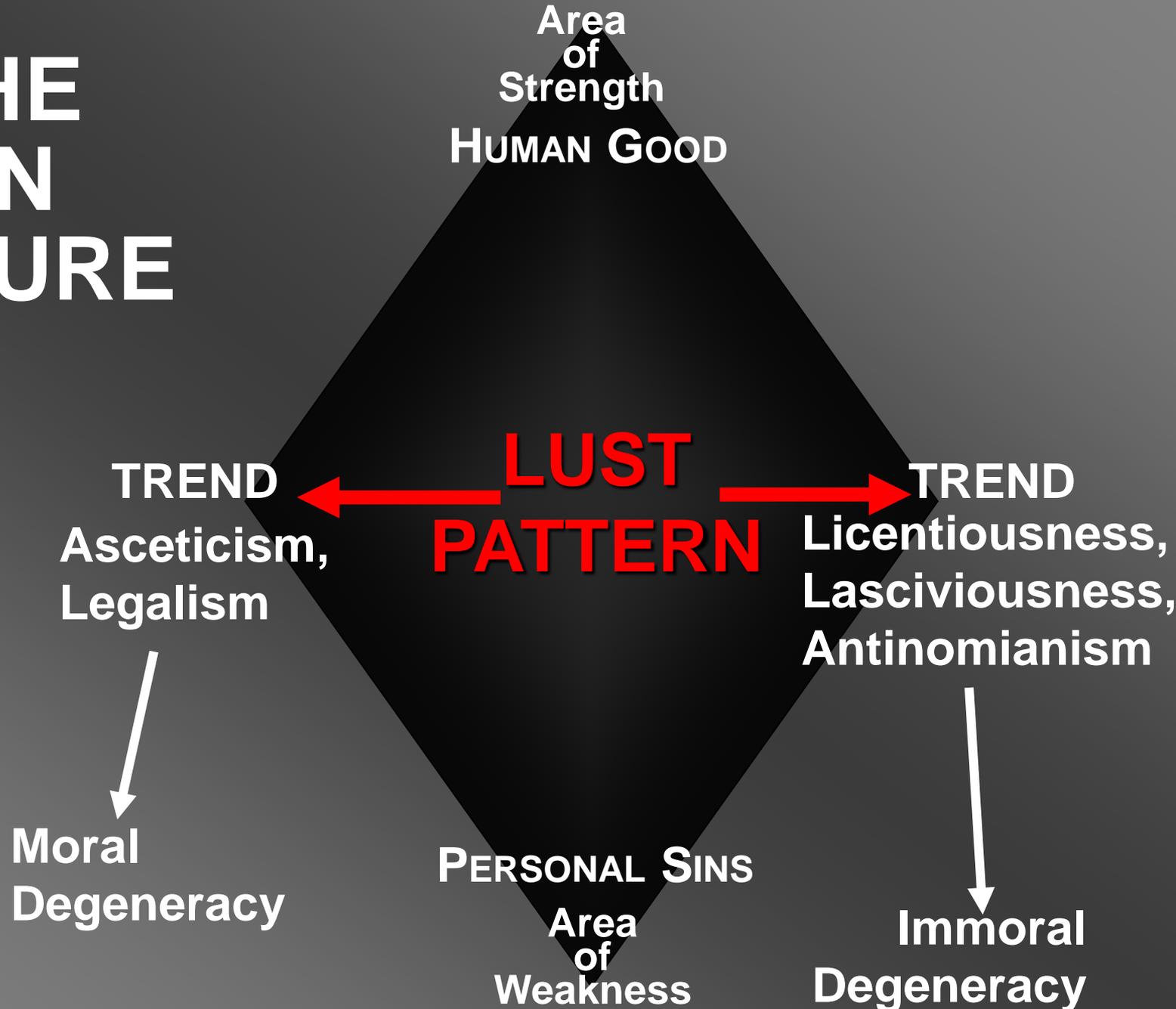
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# THE SIN NATURE



**James 3:14, “But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.**

**James 3:15, “This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, demonic.**

**James 3:16, “For where envy and self-seeking *exist*, confusion and every evil thing *are* there.”**

# **Stages of Carnality**

**Out of fellowship**

**Fleshly, carnal, walking by the flesh**

**Fallen from grace, lukewarm, worldly**

1 Corinthians 3:1, “And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual *people* but as to **carnal**, as to babes in Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:2, “I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it*, and even now you are still not able;

1 Corinthians 3:3, “for you are **still carnal**. For where *there are* **envy, strife, and divisions** among you, are you not carnal and behaving like ***mere men***?”

**Galatians 5:4, “You have become estranged from Christ, you who *attempt to be justified by law*; you have fallen from grace.”**

**Hebrews 12:15, “looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;”**

2 Peter 2:7, “and delivered righteous Lot, *who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked*

2 Peter 2:8, “(for that righteous man, dwelling among them, **tormented *his righteous soul*** from day to day by seeing and hearing *their lawless deeds*)—

2 Peter 2:9, “*then* the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,”

**James 1:8, “*he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.*”**

**James 4:8, “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded.”**

**James 3:15, “This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sensual [soulish], demonic.”**

**2 Timothy 3:5, “having a form of  
godliness but denying its power. And  
from such people turn away!”**

Revelation 3:18, “I counsel you **to buy** from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.”

Revelation 22:17, “And the Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’ And let him who hears say, ‘Come!’ And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him **take the water of life freely.**”

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**1 Corinthians 3:12**, “Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

**1 Corinthians 3:13**, “each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is.”

**1 Corinthians 3:14**, “If anyone’s work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward.

**1 Corinthians 3:15**, “If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.”

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φιλέω *philéō*;  
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intimate personal love

**Revelation 3:20, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock.**

**If [3<sup>rd</sup>] anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”**